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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1195

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: RHODESIA: TRAVEL AND MEETING PLANS

REF: MAPUTO 0420 (NOTAL)

1. MUGABE'S NO SHOW IN MAPUTO THURSDAY MORNING (REFTEL)
LEAVES US IN SOMEWHAT OF A QUANDRY. WE UNDERSTAND THE PROBABILITY IS THAT HE STOPPED OVER IN ROME. THERE IS A FLIGHT FROM

ROME TO MAPUTO ARRIVING SUNDAY MORNING. HOWEVER BY THAT TIME
WE UNDERSTAND NKOMO WILL HAVE LEFT MAPUTO AND RETURNED TO LUSAKA
(SATURDAY AFTERNOON). REQUEST MAPUTO CONTACT NKOMO AND TELL HIM
THAT GRAHAM AND I ARE STILL WILLING TO TRAVEL TO MAPUTO FRIDAY
MORNING, LEAVING HERE 0900 AND ARRIVING 1300, TO MEET THERE-
AFTER WITH HIM AND ZANU OFFICIALS, IF HE FEELS THIS WOULD BE
USEFUL.

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2. HAWKINS HAS INFORMED BRITISH THAT SALISBURY GROUP OFFERS TO
MEET WITH US INFORMALLY SUNDAY EVENING AND CARRY ON MONDAY
MORNING. THEREFORE WE HAVE REQUESTED BRITISH EMBASSY PRETORIA
TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR US TO TRAVEL JOHANNESBURG/SALISBURY
ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHT SUNDAY MORNING. BELIEVE AT THIS POINT WE
SHOULD STICK WITH THIS SINCE PROSPECTS OF GETTING NKOMO AND
MUGABE TOGETHER IN THE SAME CITY BEFORE NEXT WEEK ARE NOT GOOD.

3. THERE ARE OTHER POSSIBILITIES BUT NONE OF THEM STRIKE US AS AUSPICIOUS. THERE IS FOR INSTANCE A FRIDAY NIGHT-SATURDAY MORNING FLIGHT FROM ROME TO LUSAKA. NKOMO WILL RETURN TO LUSAKA SATURDAY EVENING BUT MUGABE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE SAME PLANE BACK TO MAPUTO THAT NKOMO ARRIVED IN. IF HE DID NOT, HE WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN IN LUSAKA UNTIL THE NEXT DIRECT FLIGHT ON THURSDAY, UNLESS SOMEONE PROVIDES HIM WITH A SPECIAL AIRPLANE. EVEN SO, WE WOULD HAVE TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF HOW TO CONTACT MUGABE TO TELL HIM TO COME TO LUSAKA. WE WOULD STILL PROPOSE LEAVING SUNDAY MORNING FOR JOHANNESBURG.
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